

# CLUSTER NOTICEBOARD

## ROTORUA TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUSTER & ROTORUA CENTRAL ICT CLUSTER

### Welcome back....

Have you set an ICT goal for this term?  
During Term 1 let's make this a Cluster wide focus!

### Remember to visit our Cluster Spaces

- [Paula's Pages](#)
- [Town & Country Wiki](#)
- [RCICT Wiki](#)
- [Only2Clicks](#) Website Bookmarks
- [iPadapps4education](#) Links and Apps
- [Tell us a Story](#) Digital Photography

- [Thinkers Toolbox](#) Get them THINKING and doing.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

#### CONFERENCE

- [Educamp NZ](#) This is a FREE PD opportunity to learn and contribute in an 'unconference' style. More dates and venues are being confirmed for 2012. I am currently organising one for the BOP region.

#### READING

- [Nurturing Curiosity & Inspiring the Pursuit of Discovery](#) A thought provoking read.
- [Teach your kids it's OK to fail](#) This article appears in the February Issue of the Learning and Leading Magazine. (Which can be read online or downloaded for FREE by clicking the link above).

#### FROM INTERFACE MAGAZINE

['Ten for Teachers'](#) - Web 2.0 tools recommended by teachers. I love the idea of using **Skype** to teach Te Reo.

Enabling the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learner - Resources and Tools

Know How?		Can Do?	
Combine text + images to create newsletters and activity sheets.	Use presentation software such as powerpoint to create slideshows.	Take photos and download camera.	Use quality interactive resources to support curriculum. Maths/English integrated.
Search the web with increased efficiency making use of different search engines and resource facilities.	Make use of student-friendly 'general' reference sites.	Make use of web tools and resources to help keep children safe on the web.	Make use of digital tools to gather, analyse and use data.
Capture voice with an external microphone and import into programmes such as powerpoint.	Blog Basics: Create a classroom blog.	Better Blogs: Power your blog with page elements and by embedding third party content.	Make use of video: thread to create purposeful opportunities for students to develop their oral language skills.
Connect with others from outside your classroom with video conferencing.	Shoot and download video footage.	Edit video footage with movie-making software.	Provide opportunities and the software for students to create digital art.
Provide opportunities and tools for students to experience digital programming and animation.	Save your favourite websites, online with social bookmarking.	Use RSS technology to keep up-to-date with your favourite blogs and websites.	Using ICT to support each stage of a framework such as inquiry learning, SOLO or Bloom's taxonomy.
What's Hot: Stay abreast with emerging technologies.	Identify key sites that focus on 21 <sup>st</sup> century education with a focus on pedagogy to practice.		

Download a copy of [Rochelle Jensen's Digital Placemat](#) and see if you are catering for the learners in your classroom....

### Websites

• Create a claymation version of yourself with **Clay Yourself** (<http://www.clayyourself.com>). This tool is easy to use and produces some great results. Just click start and follow the on-screen directions to change the features. Select Photo Reference to upload a photo of yourself to copy. When finished, download your new claymation avatar. (Fantastic option for creating an online Avatar.)

• **Clockwords** (<http://www.clockwords.us>) is a word game set in Victorian London. You're a genius inventor who discovers plans for a mysterious machine that runs on the power of language ... but your lab is infiltrated by mechanical insects that have come to steal your secrets! You have to defend it using a mix of speed, strategy and vocabulary. (Middle/Senior Level)

• Create great sounds and music with **iNudge** (<http://www.inudge.net>). Choose from eight instrument sounds and draw the sound with your mouse in the ToneMatrix. You can add more sounds, adjust the volume, and change the tempo, until you're happy with the result. Then share by URL or using the embed code. (THIS IS VERY COOL!)

### WANTED: FABULOUS TEACHERS!



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We are seeking fabulous teachers to share their ideas for our Teachers Matter Magazine. Who do you know that has ideas or a philosophy, a great story about how they have made a difference in the classroom? It maybe a simple technique that can be shared, a way of differentiating in the classroom, a Habit of Mind explored, a great use of technology in the classroom, any practical tips that other teachers can use.

It could be an innovative spelling, maths or reading programme, using authentic contexts, group work, ways to make assessment informative and child friendly, great assembly tips, parent teacher interview ideas - the list is endless...

If you know someone that is a fantastic teacher (it may be you!) with some great ideas to share, please shoulder tap them or let me know and I'll contact them with all the simple how to's.